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Rising crime disturbs peace on campus

By Elizabeth Berry
and Megan McKnight

Since the beginning of school in August, many crimes have occurred on South's campus. On October 1, around 12:30 in the afternoon, South senior Eric Sjolander was carjacked as he attempted to leave school for early release.

Eric's alleged carjacker had confronted him in the parking lot and asked for a ride to Harris Teeter on the morning of October 1. The offender persisted in requesting a ride from Eric throughout the day. As Eric approached his new green Mitsubishi Eclipse in the afternoon, the suspect again requested a ride. When Eric refused, the carjacker pulled out a .38 caliber pistol and attempted to get in the back seat of the car.

The suspect, however, was not able to get into the car, and ran off after Eric started shouting for help. "I felt very safe at South. Coming from Detroit, I was always around crime, and I don't see a lot of it here. What hap-

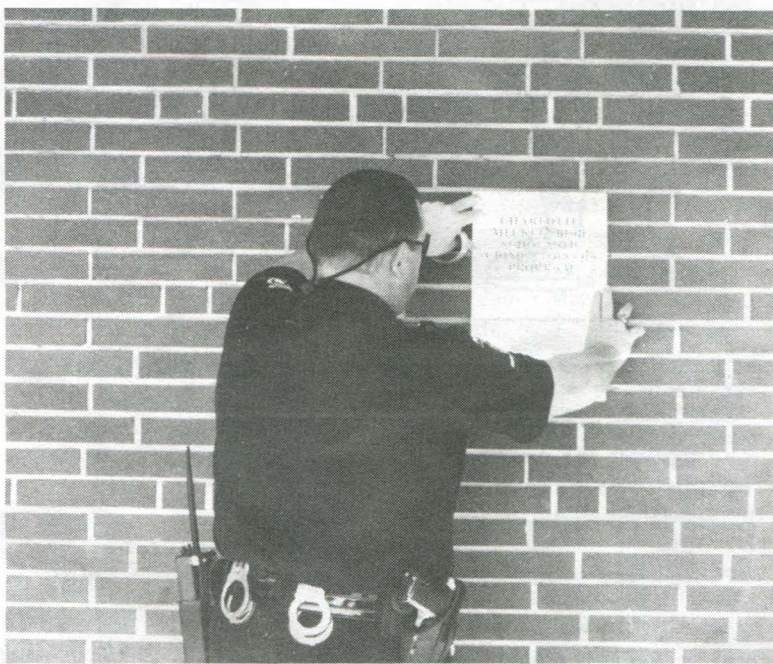
pened to me was just an isolated incident that can happen anywhere to anybody," Eric said.

Recently, a number of students had their wallets, clothes, and bookbags stolen out of their lockers in the gymnasium. "I feel violated," said senior Matt Jordan. "School is supposed to be safe."

"At the beginning of the year, we explained that we don't live in a perfect society, and that the students are responsible for bringing a lock to protect themselves," Coach Hendrick said. "We try to secure the locker rooms as best we can."

Sophomore Elliott Shuford's backpack was stolen from the senior patio. He reported the crime to Officer Burgess, and the bookbag was recovered several weeks later in a janitor's closet. The only item missing was his calculator. "I am never going to let my bookbag out of my sight again," Shuford said.

Resource officer Rick Burgess has implemented a Crime Stoppers program at South. Crime Stoppers rewards students for information that can prevent a



Officer Burgess posts flyers for the Crime Stoppers program.

crime or lead to the arrest of a criminal. The anonymous informant is provided with an I.D. number and can call back within a week to receive his or her reward, which could range from 10 to 300 dollars. So far, this system-wide program has resulted in 175 total arrests.

Officer Burgess offers some tips on how to stay safe. Teachers and students should closely watch their property, and refrain from bringing items of great value to school. Don't carry large amounts of money, and keep car doors locked at all times.

Auf wiedersehen Krefelders

By Gia Clements

Much hard work and planning went into the visit of the exchange students from Krefeld, Germany, who were at South for two weeks in September. The guests and their hosts spent a weekend at the beach, went on picnics and, of course, did a little shopping. It was not all fun for our German friends; they were required to give a presentation about their hometown to local middle schools.

The exchange program between schools is beneficial to both cultures. "I am glad we're involved in an exchange program because we have so many false stereotypes of each other. The exchange program helps to dispel these feelings, as I have learned firsthand," said Allie Miltich, president of the Krefeld Exchange Club. South hosts will be visiting Krefeld and other areas of Germany during the summer of 1998.

Speller, Price attend presidential speech in Washington, D.C.

By Sarah Price
Special to *The Sabres' Blade*

On Thursday, October 23, Alicia Speller and Mrs. Sarah Price traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in several activities related to the President of China's visit to the United States of America. Friday, Speller and Price were seated on the front row to hear President Clinton's speech at the Voices of America-USIA, followed by an international telephone conference call with teachers, students, and Chinese officials.

The conference call was broadcast around the world by Voice of America. Dr. Knox arranged for the students to be present for the call. Alicia was on the air in the studio and participated in the discussion.

Mrs. Price and Alicia attended a breakfast at the Harrington Hotel Friday, where they met with students and teachers to discuss trade with the Republic of China. The United States China Education Foundation sponsored a working lunch for

the participants, and the students and teachers met with Chinese representatives and procurement officers.

South's Strategic Marketing class will be participating in the Virtual Trade Mission Program for high school and college students, which is a part of a new communication strategy for the President's Export Council (PEC) to increase public awareness of the importance of America's export economy. The Virtual Trade Mission is produced for the PEC by a consortium of major American companies, small businesses, educational organizations, employee associations, think tanks and Olympians.

In addition to South, four other schools from Chicago, Long Beach, South Carolina, and Louisiana have been chosen to participate in this experience for the 1997-1998 school year. On December 1-3, 1997, South's media center will be transformed into the trade mission classroom, decorated with host country flags, maps, cultural re-

views, large-screen video monitors, CD-ROMs, computers and the Internet.

Students will meet with foreign leaders, government officials, and labor leaders to discuss the concepts and strategies of international marketing. Students will also visit emerging markets, such as Singapore and Hong Kong, via specially produced Country Reports and representatives from the consulates and embassies of these countries.

Marketing students will also participate in the TEAM AMERICA "Competitive Chalk Talk," which features American Olympic athletes. Just as American Olympians need a U.S. "team effort" to be competitive internationally, America's businesses and entrepreneurs need a "Team America" national export policy to be successful in the global marketplace.

"This is an exciting task before us, and I am looking forward to the positive press South will receive from this experience," said Mrs. Price.



South marketing student Alicia Speller and Mrs. Sarah Price traveled to Washington, D.C. to hear President Clinton's speech at Voices of America. Here, Speller poses with Dr. Garrett Gonj, Director of Chinese studies at the Center for Strategic International Studies.

Do women's sports receive their fair share of funding?

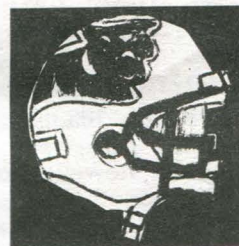


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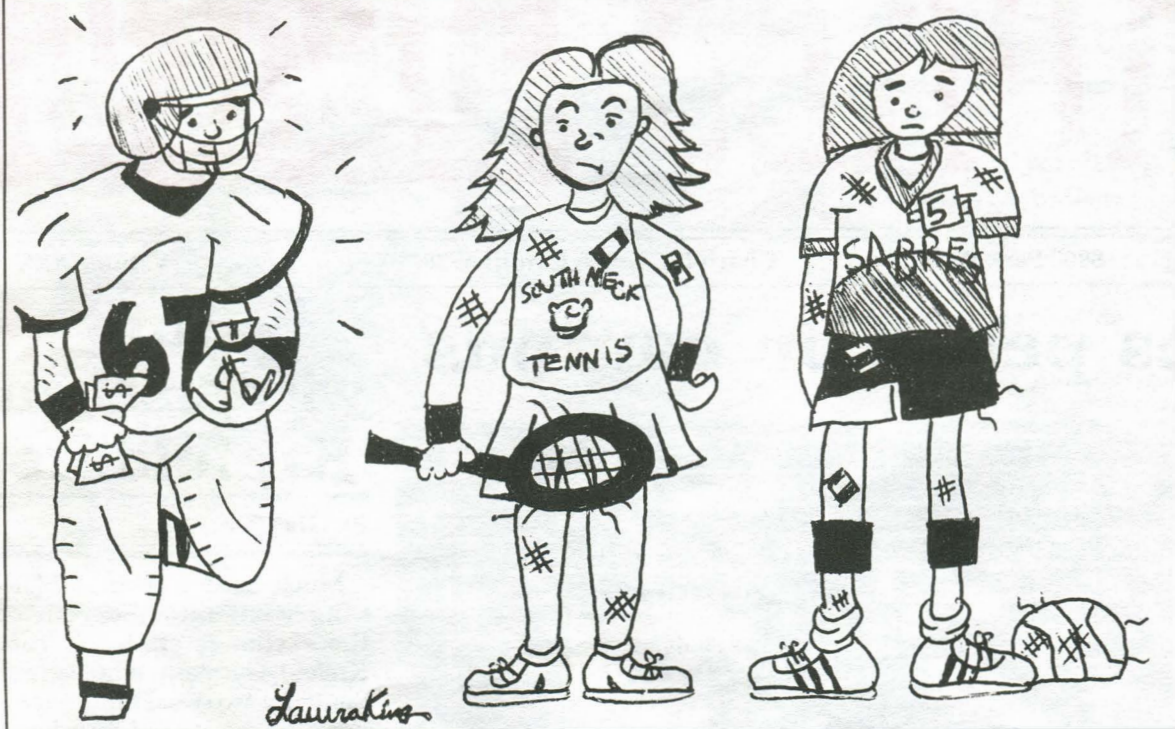
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Continued fight for women's rights

By Nicole Ewing

Title XI, the 19th Amendment, The Million Woman March are all the results of strong women fighting for what they believe. A lot has changed since the days of Susan B. Anthony, but women still do not receive the respect that they deserve in some areas; one is sports.

I would think that with all that women have been through in the past 50 years, we would finally be treated as equally as men. Unfortunately, that isn't true. Here at South, and also in the real world, there are many examples of how women's sports are not receiving many of the important benefits that men receive. In the business world, for every dollar that a man makes, a woman earns \$.62, for the same job. While Michael Jordan made 36 million last basketball season, Andrea Stinson of the WNBA earned just \$50,000.

Not only are there inequities between genders in the sports world, but also here at South. The tennis courts are finally being resurfaced, but it is after the girls' tennis season was completed. The men's team will be able to play on the new courts, while the women's team will

have to wait for next season. The courts should have been resurfaced last year, before the two outdoor basketball courts were installed over two tennis courts.

When a brand-new, state-of-the-art press box was put up on the baseball field, no one stopped to think that the softball field might need a scoreboard and lights. It is embarrassing for other schools to play on our courts and fields. We have to apologize for the grass growing everywhere. If women's sports weren't as neglected as they are, we might be able to install lights so that our games can be played at night.

There is also bias between South's softball and baseball teams. South's softball team is very talented and promising. So is our men's baseball team. While there are three paid coaches for the baseball team, there are only two coaches for the same number of girls on the softball team. The paid coaches at our school are not equally spread out to provide for all of the teams. Same number of gifted athletes; unequal number of coaches. There are also many sports that aren't recognized by the school system that could ac-

tually turn into major sports. Women's golf and field hockey have never been played at South. Maybe it's time to begin.

I understand that the ticket sales from football, baseball, and soccer are the booster club's main fund-raiser, but will women's sports survive if the school doesn't support them? The girls' volleyball team is one of the best in the state, and they have to force people to come to their games. Sooner or later, girls' teams aren't going to be satisfied with this lack of support. The tennis and swim teams have to pay for their uniforms every year, and are only provided with \$10.00 for each person. The minor sports need to be acknowledged in the same way that the major sports are.

It is said that there is no longer discrimination against girls' sports. I don't think so. Is it a conspiracy? Maybe, but either way, it is very noticeable how benefits for the smaller, women's sports have been neglected. So girls, if we want to get what we deserve, it looks like we're going to have to fight for it.

There are good guys in Pro Sports

By Laura King

Society has developed many stereotypes of professional athletes. According to these, professional athletes are greedy and egotistical, and they lack morality. I set out to disprove these stereotypes and found one athlete who is a wonderful person on and off the field.

It would be accurate to say that field goal kicker John Kasay of the Carolina Panthers is one of the nicest people I have ever met. While being one of the best kickers in the National Football League, John manages to be a husband, a father, and a Christian in his spare time. He is often described as a real "family man." Luckily for John, NFL teams do not travel as often as some other pro sports teams, giving him plenty of quality time with his wife, Laura, and two young children.

John Kasay is a devout Christian. He has developed a strong relationship with Jesus and

Unnecessary loss of lives

By Karen Whichard

Some of the best times in my life have been spent on dark highways with a team full of sisters bouncing gently with the beat of the buses' wheels. It's a time to celebrate victory, or overcome defeat. It's learning who on the team can sing, and who should merely clap along. It's a time when you all whisper your darkest flaws and secrets, careful to keep them out of Coach's earshot. It's a time when you gladly sit three to a seat, huddled beneath blankets to cut the chill of winter. It's sacred.

Imagine sitting in this environment, oblivious to the outside world. Imagine the sound of the tractor trailer throttling towards you, shattering your team forever. How do you cope when you wake up in the hospital, only to learn that your coach and teammate are dead. How do you fight the urge to drift back to sleep; back to life before the crash. How can you ever go back to the school and gym where it began?

When the first eyewitness, the drunken truck driver, sobers suddenly, sees the overturned bus full of trapped athletes, how does he justify being behind the wheel? Better yet, how did North Carolina give a man with a record of DWI, speeding, and reckless driving, permission to operate the tractor trailer?

Time will eventually heal the wounds suffered in the small North Carolina hamlet where its high school volleyball team met death head on with a tractor trailer. The question becomes, however, if time will teach the trucking industry to find qualified drivers capable of maneuvering the largest, and oftentimes, deadliest vehicles on the road. The tragedy that struck this volleyball team should never have happened, if the proper regulations had been enforced.

Quick Take on Opinions

Tragedy proves lesson not yet learned

Joseph Martin, a student at UNC Charlotte, was killed in a traffic accident. The accident raises a big question in our minds: why are students driving under the influence of both alcohol and drugs?

Why do students - or anyone else for that matter - lack the forethought to ensure that they don't take stupid chances with their lives? Only two weeks ago, we ran a staff editorial pleading with our fellow students to party safely to ensure that just this type of tragedy wouldn't happen here, as it has at so many other schools. Despite comments from some readers that such an article insults students' intelligence, a tragedy has, nonetheless, happened.

We are relieved that, at the very least, the only fatality in this particular tragedy was that of the driver under the influence, not the injured, innocent victim. Certainly the loss of this student will be felt by his family, his friends, and the campus community. But there is a lesson we would all do well to heed.

People have heard all of the sermons about drinking and driving, yet they still do it. At our age, many of us believe that we are, in some strange way, invincible. We don't think such things will happen to us. Well, guess what? They will, and they do.

The University Times

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Does everyone have a choice?

I write this in response to my experiences in Harding's cafeteria. I must first make it clear that no insult is intended toward Harding's cafeteria staff, but rather toward the system, or whoever choose the food selection. My complaint about school food is the lack of vegetarian entrees. There is plenty of chicken, hamburgers, pepperoni pizza, etc., but it can be difficult or impossible to get a vegetarian or vegan (no animal products at all) meal in the cafeteria.

Do I have any possible solutions? Yes! Offer salads (the big ones) without any meat. Let students have a choice between a meat and a meatless pizza in the school pizza line. What I am suggesting is not all that much. Is it not fair that the vegetarians at Harding get a better choice of food? There is something for you to think about.

Brian Niskala

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Faces in the Crowd



Staff Photographer

Name: Marja Franklin
Birthday: October 8, 1981
In CD Player: Tracy Lee
Music: R & B
Preferred Food: Spaghetti
Favorite Color: Green

Sister with vision

By Nicole Ewing

In South's crowded halls, Marja Franklin definitely stands out. She is smart, pretty, and talented. This junior is hard to miss.

Marja is involved in Interkeys, SWV, NAACP, Peaceful Sabres, Sabre Pep Club, and cheerleading. She is also secretary-treasurer of junior council. She represented the junior class on the homecoming court. "Marja is a very outstanding young lady. She always seems to be happy, and is certainly a joy to have in class," said Mr. Bradley, Sports Medicine teacher.

Could such a busy person handle anything else? Well, she does. Besides being in so many clubs at school, she is head of her youth group at Sugar Creek

Church of Christ, where her father is assistant minister. She also sings in a church group called Disciples of Harmony. "God definitely comes first in my life," she said.

This young lady wants to make a difference. She hopes

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to attend NC State, and become a physical therapist. "I think that a person should be experienced in a variety of things," she said. "You should get out in the world and live your life to the fullest; encounter new people and horizons. The only way you can be successful is if you try."

He's a soul man

By Elizabeth Berry

Josh Acuff is a prime example of a hard working student. Dividing his time between work, school, and pleasure, he is a friendly and outgoing junior who strives for excellence.

Josh is currently the vice president of Octagon and a member of Chamber Choir. One of his biggest accomplishments was playing the role of Ike in *Oklahoma*. Josh was also cast for the part of Teen Angel in *Grease*.

Josh is a member of Peaceful Sabres and Drama Club. "Lumps of coal are future diamonds. Josh is well on his way to brilliance," said Mrs. Smith, Josh's English teacher.

Outside of school, Josh spends most of his time at his church, Carmel Baptist, where he participates in the high school

Praise Band and is the current president of Youth Council. Josh works at the Family Bookstore in McMullen Creek shopping center.

His family is a very important

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part of his life, and has always been supportive of his decisions.

Josh plans to attend Montreat College and would like to study to become a minister. His role model is Billy Graham. "I greatly admire him for his ability to speak in front of large crowds and share the gospel," he commented. Josh's devotion to God is apparent in his many actions at school and church.

Do you feel safe at South?

"I've got no reason not to."

Peter Johnstone, 11th grade

"Yes, we've got it a lot better than a lot of schools in the system."

Dennis Cowardin, 12th grade

"At least we are not West Charlotte."

Charles Sutter, 12th grade

"Yes, we are so boring, why not feel safe?"

Shanté Burton, 12th grade

"Yes, so far I haven't been in a situation where I shouldn't feel safe."

Lindsey Hollar, 10th grade

"No, because there are some crazy people out there."

David Eargle, 9th grade

"Yes, except when I do something to somebody."

Jordan Bartels, 10th grade

"I don't know. It depends on where I am."

Brent Harris, 10th grade

"Yes, I feel safe because I'm big."

Mike Sanders, 11th grade

"Yes, why shouldn't I?"

Sameer Tanakia, 9th grade

"Yes, in my four years at South I've always felt that the environment was a safe one."

Risha Madhavaia, 12th grade

"I don't feel threatened like I do at other places."

Anna Williamson, 11th grade

"I'd rather be at South than any other school."

Tanikkia Tyson, 12th grade

"South Meck is not one hundred percent safe, but after being here for four years I have grown to feel safe with my surroundings and comfortable with the people."

Monique Douglas, 12th grade

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1900's
An era where ladies were ladies, and romance and mystery characterized dresses. This was the age of the petticoat, a hint of ankle, and lots of lace and buttons.



1920's
This decade saw the most extreme change of style. The heavy floor-length skirts and tight-fitting jackets were a thing of the past. To replace them, women wore loose dresses just covering the knee and so the 'flapper' of the 1920's was born.

Fashion

Oh, Fashion Guru...

By Gia Clements

We don't know much about style. We haven't been 'in' for a while. In fact, the fashion police have put us on trial.

We respect the diversity of trends, and we hope our comments do not offend; if they do, we'll make amends.

Some are slaves to

fashion, wearing high heels and skirts. Some just roll out of bed and feel no need to flirt. These renegades feel better dressed in jeans and a T-shirt.

Some of us will swear by Gap and J Crew. As the season changes, every item we wear must be new.

Those with simpler tastes just don't care what the fashion police do.

It doesn't matter what you look like; we really don't care. So here's a little something about what others wear. We know that being in style can be a heavy burden to bear.

Top 10 Fashion Faux Pas

By Gia Clements

1. Brown belt, black shoes, need we say more?
2. Guys wearing tight blue jeans.
3. Big earrings on girls or guys.
4. High waters. The floods have gone
5. Tight-rolled jeans; it's 1997!!
6. Heavy eye make-up. Cover 'em up
7. Spandex, we're not all built like Elle Macpherson
8. White shoes after Labor Day-does anyone know why?
9. Gold and silver
10. Conflicting plaids and stripes. You wouldn't take a cartoon character to the Prom.

Gap-Kids

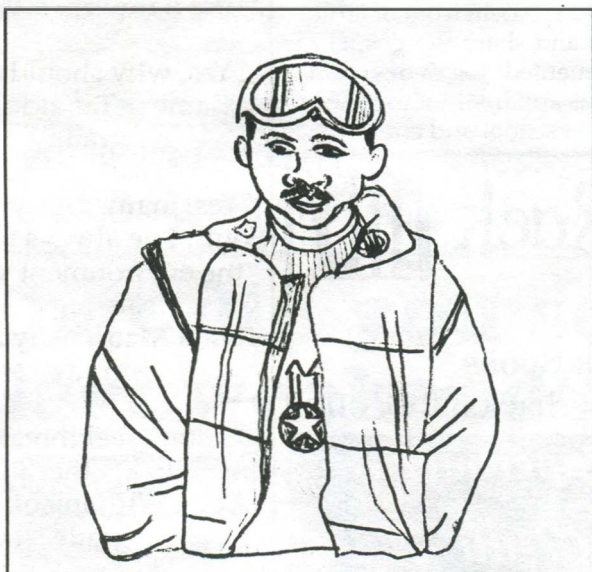
By Nicole Ewing and Megan McKnight

No matter where you go at South, you are bound to run into one of the many students born in the mall. They tend to live in Gap, Abercrombie and Fitch, J-Crew, Banana Republic, always showing up with the most chic outfit in town.

You'll never find a guy without his khakis and trusty worn-out baseball

cap. The girl by his side is always seen in a pair of trendy pants with a cool sweater and 5-inch heels. This makes her look like a top fashion model, even though she's 5'2".

True trend setters never wear the same garment twice in a year. This may empty their wallets, but it is worth being voted "best dressed."



Hip-Hop

By Tanikkia Tyson

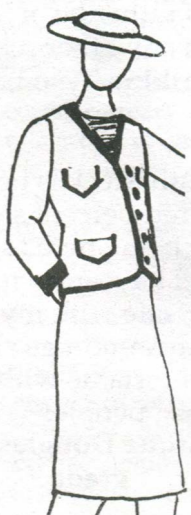
Just Their Style, Hip Hop or however you want to label this "New Era of Clothing" is a style that most definitely is here to stay and grow. Hip Hop has generated mass attention since the mid 80's. Today in the 90's, Hip Hop gear is made up of a line of name-brand clothing such

as Fubu, Lugz, Tommy Hilfiger, Boss, Nautica, Polo, Timberlands, and the list goes on.

Hip Hop has risen to its peak. Many fashions exist among numerous teenagers of different ethnic backgrounds since hip hoppers and rappers took the music industry by storm with

their lyrics and especially their "STYLE".

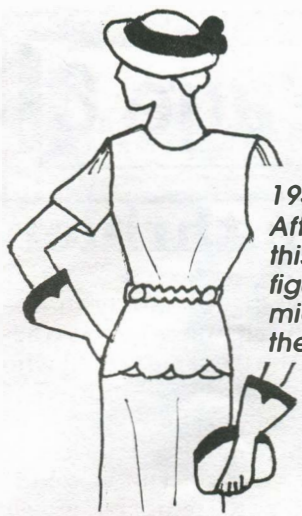
You can find these lines of name brand clothing at any store near you such as: Dillard's, Hecht's, and Belk's. There's also a Hip Hop shop that caters just for those people who love the Hip look: Urban Essentials.



1950's
In 1955 came the 'A' and 'Y' lines. The 'A' line consisted of a dress or a jacket and skirt only slightly nipped in at the waist and flared out towards the bottom of the dress or skirt. Also during this year more girls began to wear blue jeans. This style of dress became most popular in the United States. Poodle skirts were another hit with girls of this era.

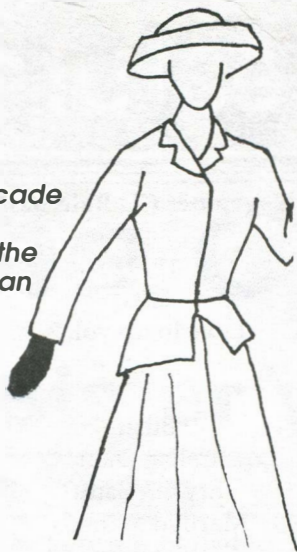


1960's
Women and girls of this decade wanted cheap, bright clothes that made the wearers feel they could absolutely wild if they wanted to. In the mid 1960's the mini-skirt became popular, so did hot-pants. These hippie-styles were most popular in England before becoming the craze in the streets of America. Elasticated fabrics were no longer used just for sports wear. Clothing was becoming quite 'daring'.



1930's

After the rejection of curves in the last decade this era saw a renewed emphasis on the figure of women. These dresses still hit at the mid-shin length but were more versatile than the dresses of the early 1900's.

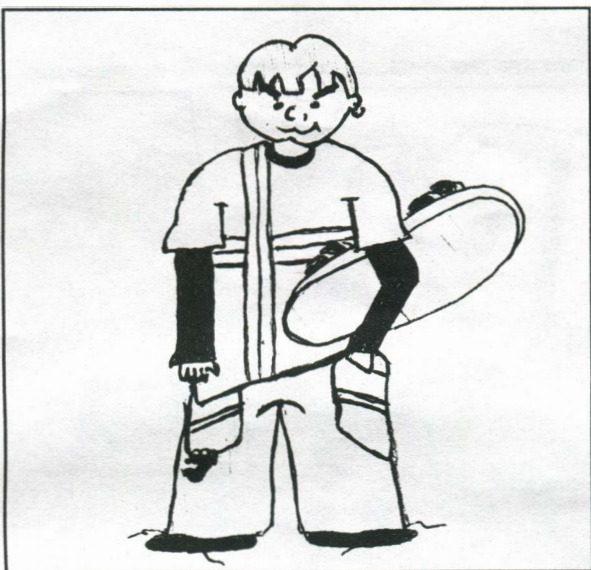


1940's

The early years did not see much departure from the styles of the last decade because of war and rationing. Many designers in Paris closed their doors during the German invasions. At the close of the war Christian Dior developed a look that was in complete contrast to their style of the war years. Skirts were once again full but continued to hit at the mid-shin. Jackets were figure hugging, with long narrow sleeves and lots of decoration.

Frenzy

Layout by Gia Clements
Cartoons by Laura King



Alternative

By Gia Clements

Alternative is a style which has evolved alongside skateboarding, Green Day, and body piercing. We see this style most often in guys, but it is becoming more and more fashionable for girls, too. What does it consist of? Let's start with the shoes. Got to be stylish, usually sneakers, such as VAN's.

Next, move to the pants. Alternative guys are the complete opposite from European guys who go for the skin-tight look. The jeans have to be big and baggy and ride low on the waist to show off one's boxers, and have pockets down at least to the knees. Popular brands for these baggies? JNCO seems to

be the unanimous choice of preference. Now for the top. Got to be a T-shirt; maybe of a favorite band or brand of sports apparel. Of course, to top off the perfect outfit one wears a hat. Worn backward or forwards, it doesn't really matter. Wear it all the time to assure a nice broken-in look. It's here and it's Alternative.

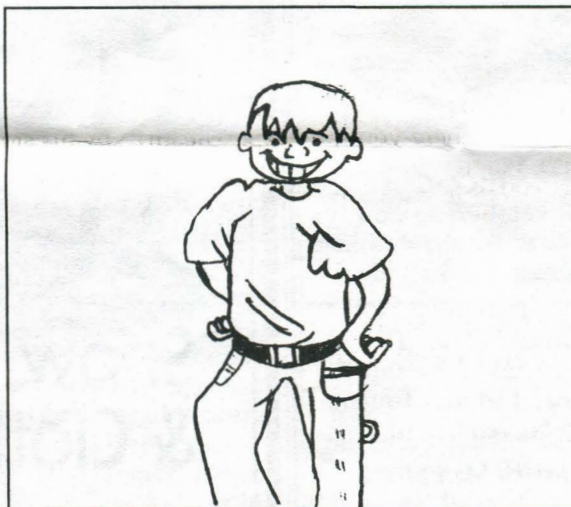
T-shirt Brigade

By Karen Whichard

Oh, the dilemma. Sometimes it's harder than you may think to be a member of the T-shirt brigade. For example, what shade of jeans goes best with gray? Is it really necessary to tuck the shirt tail in? When are tennis shoes too old and grungy?

There are benefits, though. While the latest fashions

may look attractive, we all know they cut off circulation. It's hard enough to concentrate in class as it is; why worry about whether you've lost the feeling in your toes? Besides, when it comes down to it, the members of the brigade have discovered you can sleep until 6:45 and still look your normal self everyday.



Gothic

By Jennifer Collins and Leah Reed

Contrary to popular belief, true Gothic style is not represented by all the Marilyn Manson fans. The style began with music from groups like *The Cure*. Later, it evolved into a cult-like genre. When looking for a common Goth-girl, you will soon notice a Cleopatra hair cut, make-up following the

examples of Jean Harlowe and Greta Garbo as well as the likes of Souixsie Souix, an 80's member of the rock band Souixsie and the Banshees. The desire of a gothic woman's dress is one of sophistication and exotic appeal. Male dress is similar to Robert Smith, a singer in *The Cure*. Their dress consists of underground band

tee-shirts, relaxed fit jeans, and black combat boots. They often dye or bleach their hair.

The main Gothic color is black. They wear black not to appear morbid but to express their sophistication. Goth's main concentration is on the music, rather than just dress. The music is what unites these individuals.



1970's

This period saw the call for easy-to-make, easy-to wear tie-dyed shirts and peasant clothing. Patchwork leather jackets and Afghan dresses were also highly popular. Mail order clothing was becoming more accessible. Blue jeans and flannel shirts were popular for both men and women. Clothing was becoming more unisex.



1980's

The 'hippie' look was beginning to seriously die out by this time. Fashion reached a point where many styles had reached a comfortable co-existence with each other. There were those who wore jeans and T-shirts, and those who were just as happy in plaid kilts and matching cardigans.

Sabre Scraps

Marching Band

The Marching Band has participated in two recent competitions. In the Ledford High School Marching Competition, the band received a superior rating and second place overall. In the Food Lion Classic, the band received superior ratings for the Drum Line, and General Effect, and an excellent rating overall. They also received second place at this competition. The Marching band will also march in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 8 and the Carrousel Parade on November 27.

DECA

Monday, October 13, South's chapter of the national club, DECA, participated in its annual Marketing Leadership Conference. This event was held at UNCC. Each student participated in three sessions in which they learned about interviewing strategies, confidence builders, how to dress for success, and modeling advice. Lunch was provided for all by Chick-Fil-A.

Drama

Two Drama groups performed Saturday, October 25 at the Novella Festival outside the Main Library.

Octagon

The Octagon service club had a car wash on Saturday, October 11 to raise funds for needy kids. It was held behind Bruggers on Highway 51 and raised approximately 115 dollars. Octagon will be participating in the Angel Tree program.

If you would like to see your club or organization featured in *Sabre Scraps*, bring information by B-10 or leave it in Mrs. Berry's mailbox.

Beta Club

On Saturday, October 11, members of Beta Club met in downtown Charlotte to participate in Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is an organization that builds and repairs homes for those who cannot afford to do so themselves. Members also participated in Kid's Vote on November 4.

Operation Christmas Child is the club's service project for November. OCC benefits poverty-stricken children around the world.

Fall Concert

The Art department joined forces on October 9th, showcasing all choirs, the band, and Orchestra. The gospel choir also performed, the first chance many had to enjoy their talent.

SAT Registration dates:

October 30
December 19
February 20
March 26
April 30

SAT Testing Dates:

November 1
December 6
January 24
March 28
May 2
June 6

NJROTC

On November 15 South's NJROTC will compete in a Drill Meet in Fayetteville.

Debate

The South Meck Debate Team will hold the Sabre Invitational Debate Tournament on November 14.

compiled by Matt Strother

Answers to Senior Mysteries:
Jason Surratt and Genese Culp

What did you see last weekend?

By Gia Clements

Recently I was dragged to see the movie *I Know What You did Last Summer*, which just came to the theatres the last week of October. I say dragged because when it comes to scary movies, I am the last one to see them. This movie was not scary. Oh no, it was absolutely terrifying.

The setting was a small fishing town off the coast of North Carolina. The actors play four teenagers who have just graduated from high school and are celebrating one last time before going off to college. The celebration takes a nasty turn, which of course includes scenes from a deserted beach and a lonely country road. Not

long after a freak accident in the brand new BMW, people start dropping off like flies in an elaborate revenge scheme.

I Know What You did Last Summer was not short on blood and guts, and the whole movie theatre jumped and screamed during the goriest parts. Out of the corner of my eye I think I even saw the guys in the theatre cringe.

This movie is not for the faint hearted or those with pace makers, but for all you thrill seekers out there over the age of seventeen, what are you waiting for? Overall it was pretty entertaining. Hey, I might even see it again in a few years, after I get over my new fear of fishermen.

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Must see movie thriller

By Karen Whichard

After watching *Kiss the Girls*, it's understandable why the town of Chapel Hill wouldn't allow the movie shot on it's serene streets. This thriller, based on the novel by James Patterson, falls in line with *Silence of the Lambs* in so far as elaborate serial killer plots go.

The premise of the movie is based on Morgan Freeman's character, searching for his young, talented niece who has been abducted from her home near a college campus. Freeman travels to Durham to help with

the investigation, only to discover that his niece has been abducted by the same person who has kidnapped a dozen other young college students.

The plot unfolds to include a young woman who was kidnapped by the murderer, as well as Freeman's unending quest to find his niece. The twists and turns are spectacular in this movie, as well as the attention to detail. North Carolina and Duke fans will also enjoy seeing parts of the campuses. It won't be long before *Kiss the Girls* will be mentioned in the same sentence as *Silence of the Lambs*.



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Bailey speaks his mind

By Jennifer Collins

Star middle linebacker Carlton Bailey has played for the Carolina Panthers since its inaugural season in 1995. Originally from Baltimore, Bailey came to Carolina with a full ride to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While there he received a double major in psychology and sociology and graduated in 1988. Immediately following college, Carlton played for the Buffalo Bills.

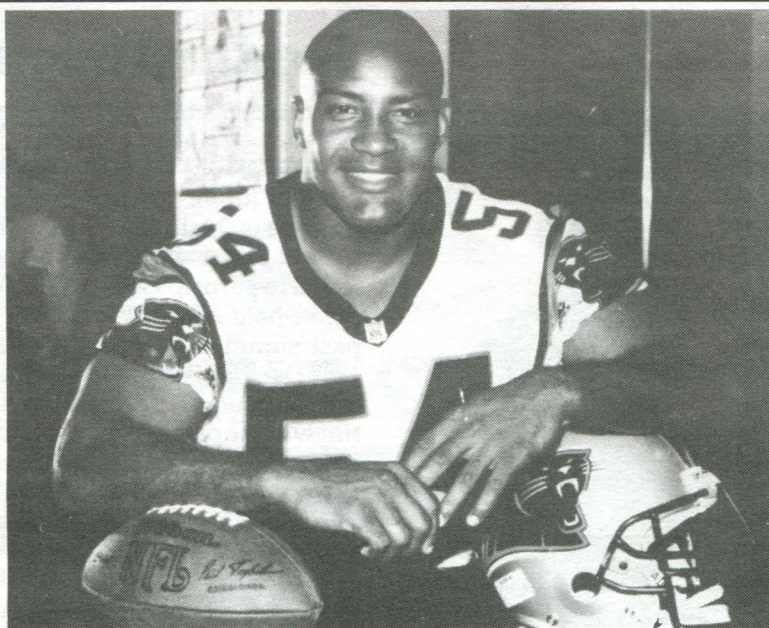
After participating in four championship games and three Super Bowl appearances, Bailey became a free agent in 1993. He moved to New Jersey in order to play with the Giants for the next two years. But, it was Carolina that he chose as his Giants contract came to a close. So far, he's been quite happy with his decision to join the Panther

squad. He believes Charlotte to be a great city to raise a family.

Although the season is not going as well as expected, the Panthers are determined to have a winning season. Carlton hopes to get out on the field and make a difference the second half of this season. He hopes to regain his starting position, lost due to his late signing with Carolina.

The recent win over Atlanta gives Carolina much needed confidence. The next four matches will be the greatest challenge in the young team's history. These games will determine a lot regarding Carolina's chance at a play off position.

When asked what advice he would give to high school students, Bailey said the key was to continue to set goals and never get discouraged. As far



NFL Player, Carlton Bailey, shows everyone his Panther pride.

as athletics is concerned, he commented that, "Athletes can be some of the best business people. They know about hard work, discipline, team work, sacrifice, perseverance, and

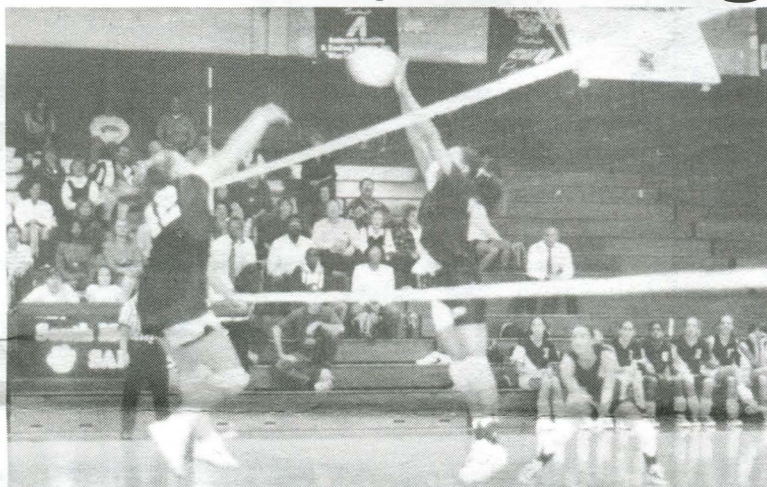
competition." These six qualities can lead a student-athlete to success. Never limit yourself to sports alone. Remember to keep all options open for life long success.

Senior Sabres say so long

By Leah Reed

The Lady Sabres volleyball team brought their season to a close on Thursday, October 23 with a defeat at the hands of the Providence Panthers. This loss came in the second round of the state playoffs, after South defeated Olympic in the first round. The volleyball team ended their season, at home, with a record of 15 wins and 7 losses. The ladies were third in the Southwestern 4A conference, behind West Charlotte and Providence.

What set this team apart from the rest was the experience of its eight senior players. The knowledge and leadership these girls contributed paved the way for the less experienced players. Coach Dave commented, "This year was very special because of the eight senior women. They formed some very important friendships and I hope they build on these friendships



Staff Photographer

Senior MVP Kristy Michue slams the ball against Providence.

throughout their lives."

Another factor contributing to the success of the Lady Sabres was the support of the fans. When the team's spirits were down, the crowd was there to rally behind the girls. More Sabres turned out to show their support of girls' volleyball program this year than ever before. This moral support, along with

the team's skill and determination, helped the volleyball team to advance as far they did this season.

While the Sabres were disappointed in their third place finish, it was really quite impressive considering that West Charlotte and Providence are state powerhouses. The Sabres played well against these teams.

Sabres looked to finish strong

By Karen Whichard

Once again, a very talented Sabre football team has compiled a season of near misses. South Meck, skilled enough to secure a berth in the state playoffs, has had the advantage at half-time of many key games, only to come up short in the second half.

Against Providence at Memo-

rial Stadium, the Sabres played an impressive first half, dominating the Panthers. The defense, however, was on the field for a good majority of the first two quarters, and they were sufficiently worn down by the time Providence mounted its second half surge. When asked about the collapse of the Sabres against Providence and Independence, both top playoff contenders,

Coach Shaunessy said, "Critical mistakes hurt us. We have to be able to play the whole game."

South is a young team and can gain experience this year which should make next season a success. Shaunessy is hopeful South should finish strong, stating, "I'm hopeful that the team will have a strong finish and a winning attitude."

Running to succeed

By Chris O'Connor

The men's cross country team finished third in the Southwestern 4A Championship meet. It was a tough battle for the Sabres, who were fighting to overcome injuries and illness that had held them back earlier in the season.

Improving on their fourth place finish last season, South edged out West Charlotte by three points to take third.

The Lady Sabres had their best meet this season placing fourth in the Southwestern 4A Championships. They were led by Kate Meier, who made the All-Conference team.

In the Regional meet, the Ladies finished fourteenth in a field of strong teams. Kate Meier had one of her best races finishing sixth with a time of 21:10. Jennifer Martell also ran her best race with a time of 22:39.

Men's soccer finished season with a win

By Laura King

The varsity men's soccer team brought their 1997 season to a close with a victory against Butler. They looked back on the year with disappointment as they were unable to qualify for the playoffs. "There were some key matches where we lacked the focus and discipline to fulfill our goals of improving on our 1996 record and winning the conference championship," said Coach Lynch.

The Sabres suffered from inconsistent play, and often gave away goals late in the match. This was evident in consecutive losses to archrival Providence. In these mid-October matchups, South sported a lead in the second half that they failed to maintain, going on to fall to the Panthers. The second game was a heart-breaker. The Sabres were ahead 1-0 with 45 seconds left, but suffered a defensive let-down, allowing Providence to equalize. South went on to lose

Tennis takes third

By Nicole Ewing

The Lady Sabres tennis team finished the season with a record of 6-2, only losing to Providence and Myers Park. The girls placed third in the conference earning them a spot in the state playoffs. Unfortunately, they were defeated in the first round, but played very well. Their main goal was to make it to states, which was accomplished.

Five of the ladies qualified individually to play in the state tournament. Ellen Abbott, and the doubles teams of Annys Scroggum, Becky Orr, and Nicole Ewing and Michelle Baker went to Ashbrook to compete, but lost in very close matches. The entire team was excited to make it as far as they did. "I was so happy that we improved so much from last year and made it as far as we did," said number three seed Michelle Baker, "Even though we lost, we gave every team a tough match."

Their conference season was filled with close matches, but in the end, these women pulled off many wins. They believe that teamwork was the key to winning.

With the ending of their season, the team is looking forward to next year when they plan to win the Southwestern 4-A Conference title. The young team will not lose any seniors; a dilemma many other teams in the conference will face at the end of the season. There are many promising rising underclassmen, and the experienced seniors will lead the team to victory. Captain Kim Rogers said, "We had such a great season this year; it can only get better. With practice and teamwork, I think that we should settle for nothing less than becoming the conference champions."

in double overtime.

While Sabre soccer had a disappointing season, the team itself does not deserve all the blame. "We had runs of bad luck and games in which we dominated but had trouble finishing on goal," said Coach Lynch. Outstanding players were Ryan Thompson, the leading scorer with fourteen goals, and Josh Fisher, who was a solid player in midfield.

The junior varsity team closed their season with a hard-fought 1-0 loss to Myers Park. They posted a record of eleven wins, three losses and two ties, earning second place in the conference. Goalkeepers Philip Trotter and Leif Ellsworth combined for eight shutouts in goal, while junior J.T. Crook and freshman Charlie Everett exhibited impressive performances on defense. Coach Lynch is optimistic as he looks to apply the young talent on this squad to the varsity team.

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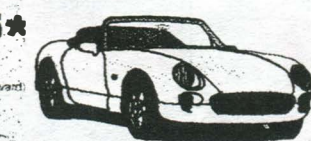
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Senior Mysteries



By Karen Whichard

Once the flowers begin to bloom and spring appears in full force, you will probably find this senior mystery on the track of Boger Stadium. She is a member of the Lady Sabre track team, competing in the 100m and 200m sprints.

Athletics, by far, is not her only talent. She loves to sing, and is a member of gospel choir, where she serves as vice-president. She is also secretary of SWV.

This stellar senior is also involved with NAACP and Minority Achievement. If you do not know who this senior woman is, look on page 6.



By Tanikkia Tyson

This senior msyttery's caring personality is one of his greatest attributes. He is a member of the Beta Club, FBLA, and German Club. He hosted a German exchange student from Krefeld in October.

When this senior is not playing tennis, soccer, the violin or just hanging out with friends, he is working at AMC Theater, where he is a supervisor. This senior mystery is an achiever who works hard for what he wants, and never gives up. He plans to study medicine as a career. To find out who this senior mystery is, look on page 6.

South student receives free trip to Europe

By Andrew Buchert

South junior Justin Lenarcic was one of 34 students from the United States and Canada selected to participate in an all-expense-paid trip to Europe this past summer as a part of the 1997 Daimler-Benz Award of Excellence Study Tour abroad. Justin was chosen to represent South based on his answers to five essay questions about himself and an interview conducted last school year.

Previous to their departure for Munich, Germany, the Study Tour students attended a welcome dinner in Washington, D.C., and two orientation sessions. The students met their congressional representatives, and were briefed on U.S.-German relations by the German

Embassy and U.S. State Department personnel.

The Study Tour group toured Neuschwanstein Castle in Austria, and attended a hands-on soccer mini-clinic conducted by the coaches and goalkeeper of the VfB Stuttgart soccer team. The students also toured the Airbus assembly facility at Dasa plant in Finkenverder, where they were introduced to the German dual educational system.

In Berlin, the students visited the Checkpoint Charlie Museum and walked along the path of the Berlin Wall. The group toured the major sites in downtown Berlin, and had their picture taken at the Brandenburg Gate. On the evening of July 4 the students ate and celebrated at the Berlin Hard-Rock Cafe. "Germany is such a different

country from what I had thought. But that was the objective of the trip - to learn about the country and its culture, and to help build better relations between us," Justin said.

Before returning to the United States, the Study Tour's farewell party was held at the Zitadelle Spandau castle, where the group participated in a traditional medieval banquet with minstrels, fire-breathers, and jousting. "I'll never forget the people who became friends of mine on this trip. All of us had so much in common," said Lenarcic.

"I had the best time of my life on this trip," said Justin. "The people I met were great, as were the sights. Hopefully, I will be able to return [to Germany] some day."

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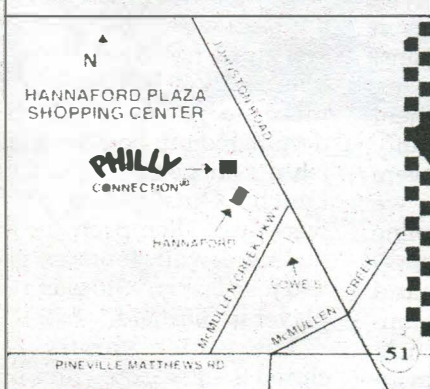
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